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TO: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Sachi A. Hamai 
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: PROPOSED BUDGET REPORT REQUESTS

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held April 17, 2012, the Board discussed Agenda Item No. 36 relating to the Los Angeles County Proposed Budget. During the discussion, Supervisor Antonovich instructed you to refrain from providing the two positions to the Department of Children and Family Services for the purpose of administering the technical and complex examinations of that Department; and to report back when the final budget is approved on the ability of the Department of Human Resources to provide these services centrally for all County Departments. Supervisor Antonovich also requested you to report back on whether the Starbucks located at the Civic Center Park is paying rent at a fair market value.

In addition, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas requested you to provide a status report within 30 days on the High Priority Repairs selection process and the process utilized to assess deferred maintenance needs throughout the County.

Enclosed is a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your report.

SAH:mdc

Enclosure

c: Each Supervisor
Director of Children and Family Services
Director of Personnel

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1 ISSUES AND I WILL BE INTRODUCING A MOTION. BUT I THINK IN
2 GENERAL AT THIS POINT IN TIME, WHAT I JUST WANTED TO SAY IS
3 THAT THIS IS SOMETHING TO BE APPLAUDED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF
4 WHEN I LOOK ACROSS-THE-BOARD AT OTHER MUNICIPALITIES THAT'S
5 GOING ON, WHEN YOU READ THE STORY OF STOCKTON AND WHAT'S
6 HAPPENED IN STOCKTON, WHEN YOU SEE WHAT'S GOING ON ACROSS THE
7 COUNTRY OVERALL IN SOME MAJOR, MAJOR CITIES, I THINK THIS IS
8 SOMETHING TO APPLAUD. AND IT SHOULDN'T GO UNNOTICED. AND I
9 GUESS THE COOPERATION OF HAVING ALL THE DEPARTMENTS
10 PARTICIPATING IN THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL
11 FOR BECAUSE I'M SURE IT ISN'T A ONE-MAN SHOW. IT IS EVERYBODY
12 WORKING TOGETHER.

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14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND PULLING TOGETHER. AND I THINK THAT HOPEFULLY
17 WE HAVE OUR BOND FOLKS LOOKING AT THIS IN COMPARISON TO
18 OTHERS. IT SHOULD BE VERY IMPRESSIVE. AND I APPLAUD YOU AND I
19 THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS? MR. RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS?

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WITH RESPECT TO
25 THE 111.9 MILLION IN HIGH PRIORITY REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE AND



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1 ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATION TO THE RANGE OF COUNTY FACILITIES,
2 I'D LIKE MINIMALLY SOME FEEDBACK BY WAY OF A REPORT BACK
3 PROBABLY ON THE FOLLOWING THINGS. THIS IS EMBEDDED IN THE
4 BUDGET. HOW THE PROJECTS WERE SELECTED. WHAT PROCESSES WERE
5 BEING UTILIZED TO ASSESS DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS THROUGHOUT
6 THE COUNTY; FINALLY, I WOULD HOPE THAT THE C.E.O. WOULD REPORT
7 BACK TO THE BOARD REGARDING THE PROCESS UTILIZED TO ASSESS THE
8 COUNTY'S DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS A
9 VERY SUBSTANTIAL ISSUE, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND AT THE APPROPRIATE
10 TIME DEEMED APPROPRIATE, THIS WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR
11 COLLECTIVE CONSIDERATION. LET ME SAY THAT IT IS WELL-
12 RECOGNIZED THE UNIQUE POSITION THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
13 IS IN VIS-A-VIS BUDGETING PROCESSES. SO I WANT TO LEND MY
14 VOICE TO THE FACT THAT THE SLIDE THAT WE SAW THAT GAVE VERY
15 LIMITED ADVERSE IMPACTS DURING A TIME OF INSTABILITY
16 UNCERTAINTY AND A LOT OF PAIN AND MISERY OF THOSE WHO ARE IN
17 OUR EMPLOY HAVE BEEN SPARED THAT IN A VERY SIGNIFICANT WAY.
18 HATS OFF TO RESPECTIVE COUNTIES, RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS WHO
19 HAVE DONE WHAT THEY NEED TODAY DO TO TIGHTEN THEIR BELTS. AND,
20 FINALLY, APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
21 OFFICER FOR GUIDING THIS IN A WAY THAT CAUSES US TO BE
22 PRUDENT, DEFENSIBLE AND PROUD OF THE OUTCOMES THAT WE ARE ABLE
23 TO REPORT IN THIS BUDGET CYCLE. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.
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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? MR.
2 ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND THE PARTNERSHIP THAT
5 WE'VE HAD WITH LABOR FOR THIS BUDGET THAT ALLOWS US TO
6 CONTINUE TO MEET VITAL SERVICES AND THAT PARTNERSHIP IS VERY
7 MUCH APPRECIATED. IT'S A LIVING EXAMPLE THAT OTHER
8 JURISDICTIONS OUGHT TO BE WORKING TOGETHER INSTEAD OF HAVING
9 CONTENTIOUS CONFLICTS AND DISRUPTIVE BUDGETS, BUT I HAVE SOME
10 QUESTIONS FOR THE C.E.O. AND SOME OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS.
11 THE BUDGET INCLUDES TWO NEW POSITIONS FOR HUMAN RESOURCES IN
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE
13 PURPOSES OF ADMINISTERING TESTS FOR THE TECHNICAL AND COMPLEX
14 EXAMINATIONS, YET SOME OF THOSE POSITIONS THEY WANT TO FILL
15 INCLUDE CLERICAL, ADMINISTRATOR, DEPARTMENT FINANCE MANAGER,
16 DIVISION CHIEF, DISASTER SERVICES PLANNING ASSISTANT. SINCE
17 THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS ALSO NEED THE SAME POSITIONS, WOULD IT
18 BE A MORE EFFICIENT USE TO HAVE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
19 RESOURCES ADMINISTER THOSE TESTS AND DEVELOP LISTS FOR ALL
20 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS RATHER THAN TO CREATE TWO NEW POSITIONS IN
21 ONE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT THOSE TESTS?

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN WORKING WITH THE STAFF
24 OF NOT ONLY YOUR OFFICE BUT OTHER OFFICES THAT CONCERNS HAVE
25 BEEN EXPRESSED FOR THOSE POSITIONS. SO IT'S OUR INTENT TO WORK



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1 WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES BOTH AT THE POLICY LEVEL AND
2 THROUGH YOUR BUDGET DEPUTIES TO REVIEW THOSE POSITIONS. AND
3 WE'LL HAVE A RECOMMENDATION WHEN THE FINAL BUDGET IS
4 PRESENTED.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
7 RESOURCES IS PROPOSING TO MAKE MANY CHANGES IN THE TESTING
8 SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE BROAD-BASED TESTING, SCORE BANKING,
9 ONLINE TESTING AND OTHER APPROACHES THAT HAVE SHOWN TO MAKE
10 SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS DURING THE PILOT PROJECTS.

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF YOU WOULD REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATION
15 ABOUT PROVIDING ONE DEPARTMENT TWO NEW POSITIONS TO DO WHAT
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR HUMAN RESOURCES IS CURRENTLY DOING,
17 WOULD YOU HOLD THOSE OFF ON THESE POSITIONS UNTIL AFTER WE
18 DETERMINE WHETHER THE CENTRAL HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, H.R.
19 CAN PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES?

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21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR. THAT WILL BE PART OF OUR REPORT
22 BACK.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE BUDGET INCLUDES 14 MILLION
25 DOLLARS FOR STORM WATER CLEANUP. MUCH OF THAT WILL BE USED FOR



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1 THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE THAT YOU'RE PREPARING FOR THE
2 BALLOT. HOW MUCH HAS ALREADY BEEN SPENT ON THE PROPERTY TAX
3 INCREASE MEASURE?

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHEN YOU SAY-- I'M A LITTLE CONFUSED. YOU SAY
6 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THERE IS A PROPOSAL, THAT I DON'T SUPPORT,
9 BUT THERE IS A PROPOSAL TO HAVE A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE TO PAY
10 FOR THE CLEANUP OF THE RUNOFF WATER.

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE NOT BUDGETED ANY MONEY FROM A PROPOSED
13 INCREASE. WHAT WE HAVE IN THE BUDGET TODAY IS TO MEET SOME OF
14 THE PERMITS THAT ARE REQUIRED RELATED TO STORM WATER RUNOFF.
15 WE COULD REPORT BACK ON EXACTLY WHAT WE PROPOSE TO DO WITH
16 THAT MONEY, BUT IT'S THE MINIMUM LEVEL, IN WORKING WITH THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, IT'S THE MINIMUM LEVEL WE NEED TO
18 MEET OUR LEGAL MANDATES.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WILL YOU CREATE THE TRUST FUND FOR
21 RETIREE HEALTH BE SET ASIDE TO MEET THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY?

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23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT MEMO WILL BE COMING TO THE BOARD WITHIN--
24 WE'RE ALL BUT FINISHED. I WOULD SAY THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS. BUT
25 I WOULD PROMISE YOU NO LATER THAN THE NEXT 30 DAYS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN THE BUDGET INCLUDES 3.3 MILLION
3 DOLLARS TO PAY FOR THE GROUND MAINTENANCE IN PROGRAMMING FOR
4 THE GRAND AVENUE PARK. GIVEN THAT THE PARK WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
5 FREE TO THE COUNTY, HAS ANY EFFORT BEEN MADE FOR CONTACTING
6 THE DEVELOPER FOR OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS FOR THIS
7 ALLEGED FREE GIFT?

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE MONIES PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER WAS FOR
10 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARK. THE MONEY THAT'S IN THE BUDGET
11 IS FOR THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE, BUT ALSO FOR THE ENTITY THAT
12 WILL BE INITIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE PARK. IT'S
13 HOPED THAT OVER TIME, ONCE WE PUT THE RIGHT MANAGEMENT
14 STRUCTURE IN PLACE ON A PERMANENT BASIS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO
15 PROVIDE-- TO HAVE SOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AT THE PARK THAT
16 WOULD GENERATE REVENUE. SO THAT IN THE LONG TERM, THE HOPE IS
17 THAT THE PARK WILL BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES STARBUCKS PAY FAIR MARKET VALUE ON THEIR
20 RENT?

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22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND THEY PAY WHAT WE COULD NEGOTIATE
23 WITH THEM. AS FAR AS FAIR MARKET VALUE, I'D LIKE TO REPORT
24 BACK TO YOU ON THAT.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO WE HAVE EFFORTS TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL
2 VENDORS AND RENTERS AND THEN HAVE THAT REVENUE REDUCE THE
3 MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION COSTS FOR THE PROJECT?

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S WHAT I HAD MENTIONED. ONCE WE GET A
6 PERMANENT-- WE HAVE ON A TEMPORARY BUSINESS, WE HAVE BEEN
7 WORKING WITH THE MUSIC CENTER. BUT ONCE WE GET A PERMANENT
8 MANAGEMENT TEAM IN THE PARK, THE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS
9 AND SERVICES AT THE PARK THAT WILL MAKE IT SELF-SUFFICIENT.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, IF WE COULD
12 HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE? WHILE HE'S COMING UP, FOR THE PAST
13 SEVERAL FISCAL YEARS, THE BOARD HAS ALLOCATED FUNDING TO THE
14 SHERIFF SPECIFICALLY TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF THE BUDGET CUTS
15 ON UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, ON THEIR PATROLS. YOU'RE NOW
16 FACING CUTS AGAIN IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WHICH MAY OR COULD
17 IMPACT UNINCORPORATED PATROLS. I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU COULD
18 ELABORATE ON THAT.

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20 **GLEN DRAGOVICH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GLEN DRAGOVICH
21 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WHAT'S NOT ADDRESSED
22 AT THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET AT THIS TIME, THERE'S 22 MILLION
23 DOLLARS OF ONE-TIME MONEY THAT'S CURRENTLY IN OUR BUDGET THAT
24 WE'RE WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. ON HOW TO ADDRESS. AND THERE'S
25 ALSO A 24 MILLION DOLLAR ABSORPTION OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COSTS